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Request for Samples of MK 15 Demolition Firing  
Device and MK 2, MOD O Detonating Cord Initiator

REF: [REDACTED], dated 23 December 1953

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1. The two MK 2, MOD O Detonating Cord Initiators transmitted in referenced dispatch were originally requested to be inerted in order to facilitate overseas shipment.

2. This office has since discovered that the lead azide detonators and the 15 grain tet~~ra~~l pellets were not removed as requested and they are NOT INERT. (Refer to Fig. 2 of instruction sheet included with samples.)

3. Although there is no undue hazard in handling, the two Detonating Cord Initiators should be treated as loaded and so stored. The tet~~ra~~l pellets are relatively easy to remove once the threads have been broken loose with a pipe wrench. The azide detonators cannot be very easily removed because of the press fit.

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29 December 1953

Distribution:

Orig & 2 - Addressee

1 - WE

1 - RI

1 - TSS/Registry

2 - TSS/MD

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